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Regulatory Division Central Evaluation Branch

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403), and/or [] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

BARGE FLEET MODIFICATION IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER IN ASCENSION PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Ingram Barge Company, c/o Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., 4101 Magazine Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70115.

LOCATION OF WORK: In the Mississippi River, right descending bank, between miles 183 and 186, near Modeste, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish, within the Mississippi River Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08070100), as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: By authorization dated 25 Jun 2020, the applicant was authorized to install and maintain anchor piles to secure four blocks of barges (one block of six tiers, one block of seven tiers, one block of 10 tiers, and one block of five tears, each nine barges wide). A modification dated 6 Apr 2021, authorized two additional blocks (one containing 16 tiers, and one containing 13 tiers, both of which are 10 barges wide). To date, no construction has begun because the nearby developments didn't progress due to economic concerns. The applicant is now requesting a modification and time extension to their Department of the Army authorization to include anchor piles to support a total of six blocks of barges: one block of 13 tiers, one block of six tiers, one block of seven tiers, one block of 16 tiers, one block of 10 tiers, and one block of five tiers, each measuring nine barges wide. All work will take place from barge mounted equipment in the waterway. No impacts to vegetated wetlands are proposed. Approximately 82.4 acres of non-vegetated water bottoms will be impacted by the proposed structures.

<u>MITIGATION</u>: The proposed activity does not affect wetland resources; therefore, no mitigation is required.

The comment period for the requested Department of Army will close in <u>30 days</u> from the date of this public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit request, and must be submitted so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters and/or comments concerning the subject permit application must reference the Applicant's Name and the Permit Application Number and can be preferably emailed to the Corps of Engineer's project manager listed above or forwarded to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, <u>ATTENTION:</u>
<u>REGULATORY DIVISION, RGC, Jamie Crowe</u>. This public notice is also available for review online at https://go.usa.gov/xennJ.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Further, all factors that may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the potential cumulative effects associated with the proposed project.

The New Orleans District is presently unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work but is pending further review in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. As deemed necessary, copies of this public notice will be sent to the State Archeologist, State Historic Preservation Officer, and federally listed tribes regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would have no effect on any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

Based on the Information Planning and Consultation (IPaC) tool for Endangered Species in Louisiana, as signed on January 27, 2020, between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (CEMVN) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, CEMVN has determined that that the proposed project is located within waters known to be occupied by the endangered Pallid Sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), and the threatened West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), and determined with the inclusion of the Standard Manatee Conditions for In-Water Activities, the proposed activity is not likely to adversely affect the species.

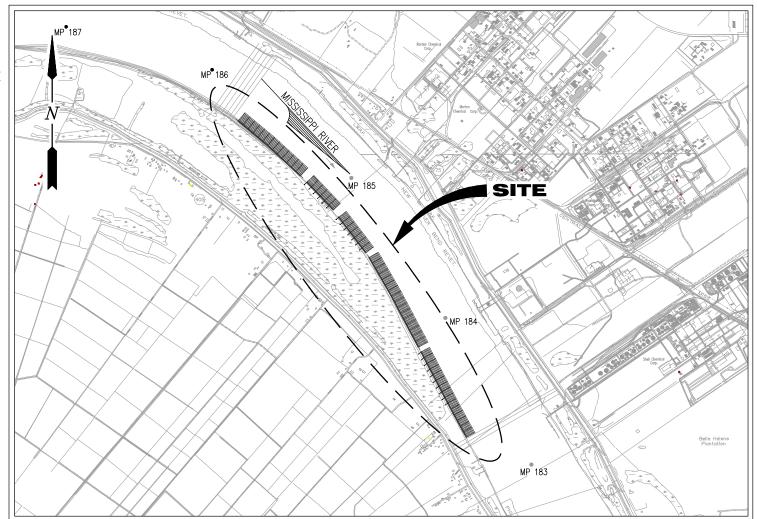
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to <u>82.4</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

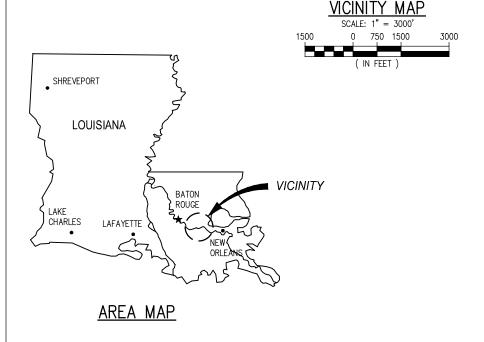
Any person may request, (preferably by email to the project manager, or in writing), within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

You are invited to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

John M. Herman Chief, Central Evaluation Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures





ASCENSION PARISH LATITUDE: 30° 10′ 59″ N LONGITUDE: 91° 01′ 13″ W

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PROPOSED NEW BARGE FLEET VICINITY MAP AND AREA MAP

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NOTES

- 1. NO IMP-CTS TO R-RE, THRE-TENED OR END-NGERED SPECIES OR CRITIC-L H-BIT-TS -RE -NTICIP-TED FROM THE PROPOSED PROJECT. NO ST-TE OR FEDER-L P-RKS, WILDLIFE REFUGES, WILDLIFE M-N-GEMENT -RE-S OR SCENIC RIVERS -RE KNOWN -T THE SPECIFIED SITE OR WITHIN 1/4 MILE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT. THE WILDLIFE DIVERSITY PROGR-M (WDP) REPORTS SUMM-RIZE THE EXISTING INFORM-TION NOWN - THE TIME OF THE REQUEST REG-RDING THE LOC-TION IN QUESTION. WDP REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FIN-L ST-TEMENTS ON THE BIOLOGIC-L ELEMENTS OR -RE-S BEING CONSIDERED, NOR SHOULD THEY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ON-SITE SURVEYS REQUIRED FOR ENVIRONMENT-L -SSESSMENTS. IF -T -NY TIME WPD TR-CKED SPECIES -RE ENCOUNTERED WITHIN THE PROJECT -RE-, PLE-SE CONT-CT OUR BIOLOGIST -T 225-763-3554.
- 2. -S-BUILT DR-WINGS -ND/OR PL-TS SH-LL H-VE WRITTEN ON THEM THE D-TE OF COMPLETION OF S-ID -CTIVITIES -ND SH-LL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISI-N- DEP-RTMENT OF N-TUR-L RESOURCES, OFFICE OF CO-ST-L M-N-GEMENT, P. O. BOX 44487, B-TON ROUGE, L- 70804-4487 WITHIN 30 D-YS FOLLOWING PROJECT COMPLETION.
- 3. -LL STRUCTURES BUILT UNDER THE -UTHORIZ-TION -ND CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT SH-LL BE REMOVED FROM THE SITE WITHIN 120 D-YS OF -B-NDONMENT OF THE F-CILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE, OR WHEN THESE STRUCTURES F-LL INTO ST-TE OF DISREP-IR SUCH TH-T THEY C-N NO LONGER FUNCTION -S INTENDED. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBT-INING - SEP-R-TE CO-ST-L USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED, FOR SUCH REMOV-L -CTIVITIES.
- 4. STRUCTURES MUST -LSO BE M-RKED/LIGHTED IN -CCORD-NCE WITH U. S. CO-ST GU-RD REGUL-TIONS.
- 5. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE S-FETY OF -LL P-RTIES, THE PERMITTEE SH-LL CONT-CT THE LOUISI-N- ONE C-LL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) - MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF -NY EXC-V-TION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION -CTIVITY.
- 6. -LL ELEV-TIONS REFER TO N-VD 88 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

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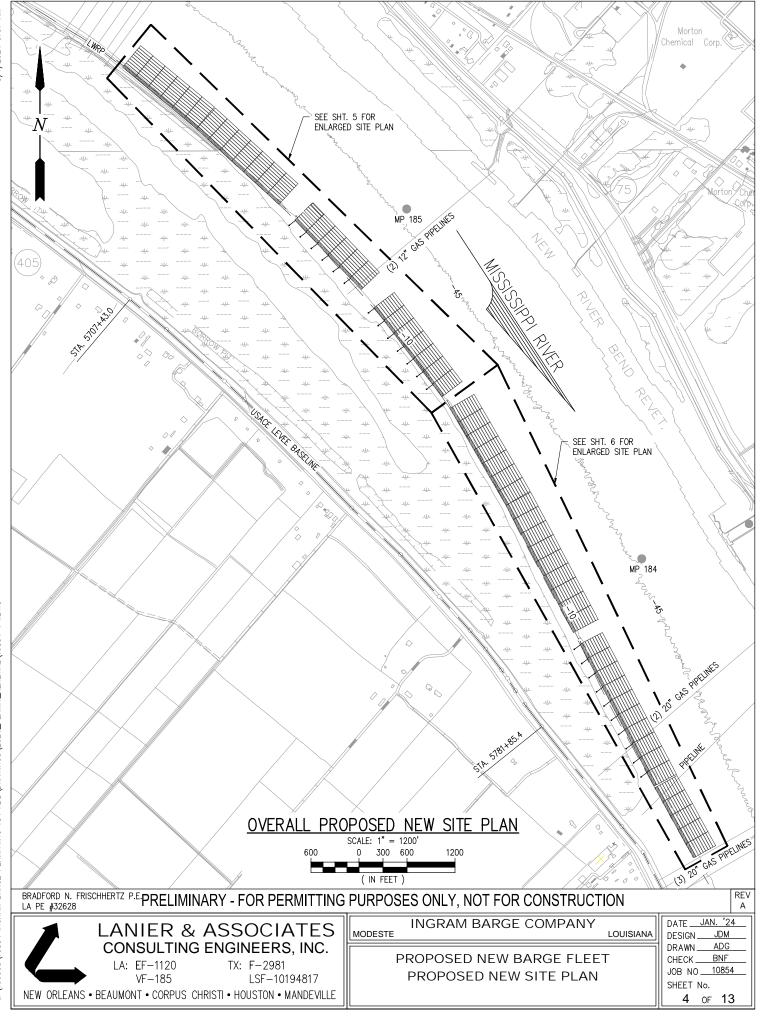
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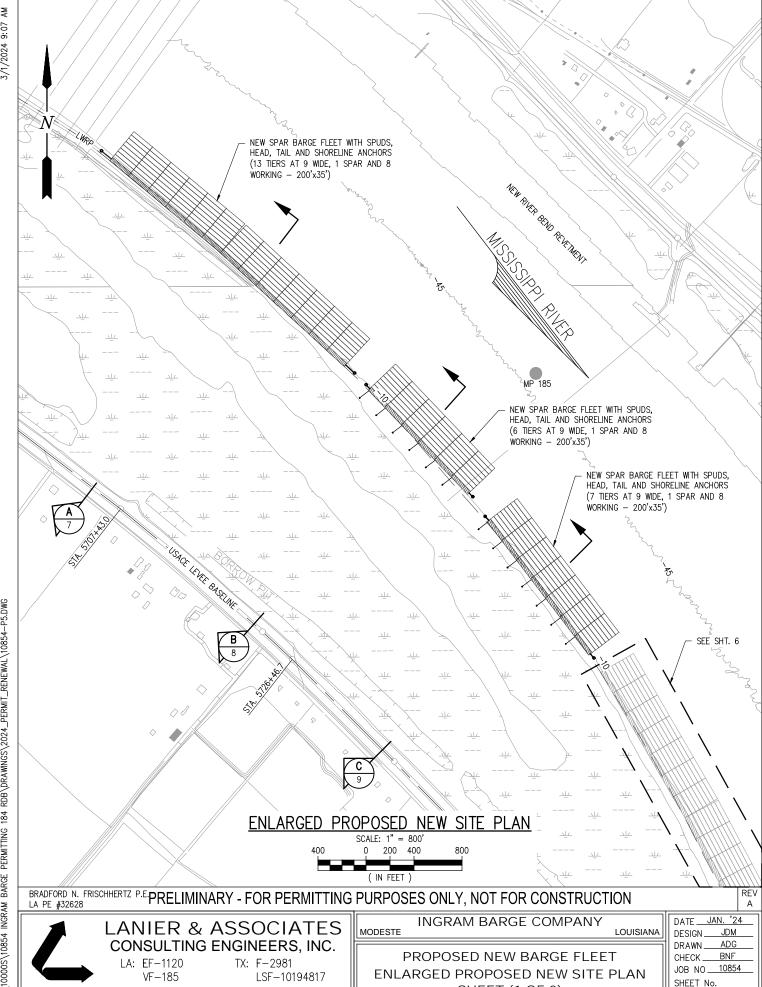
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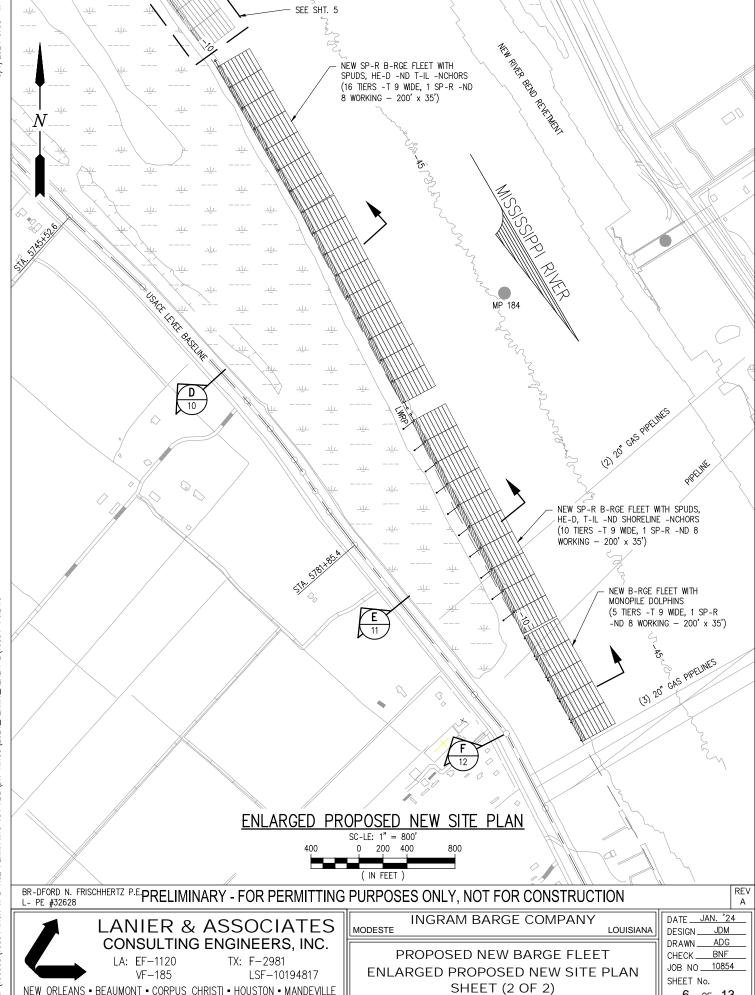


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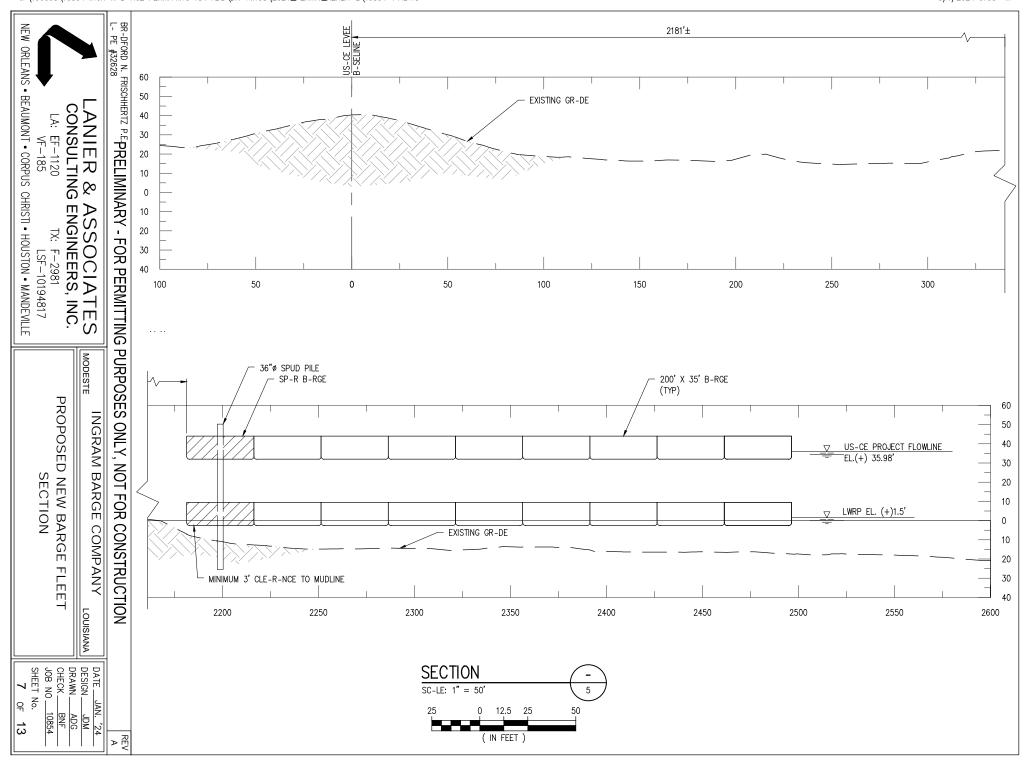
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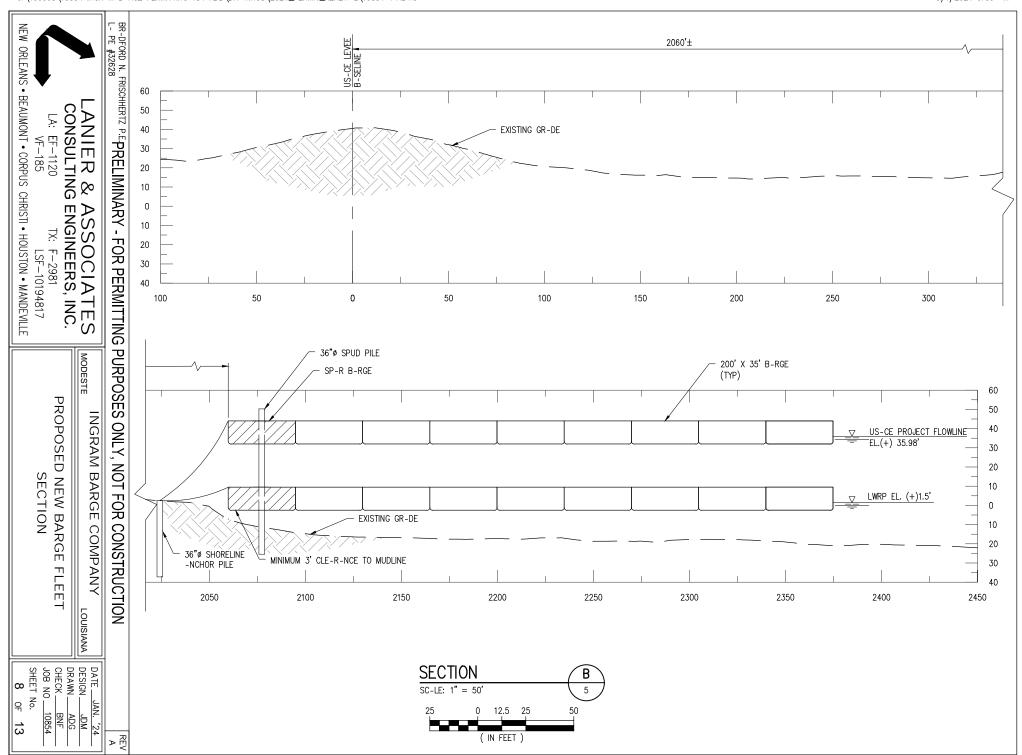


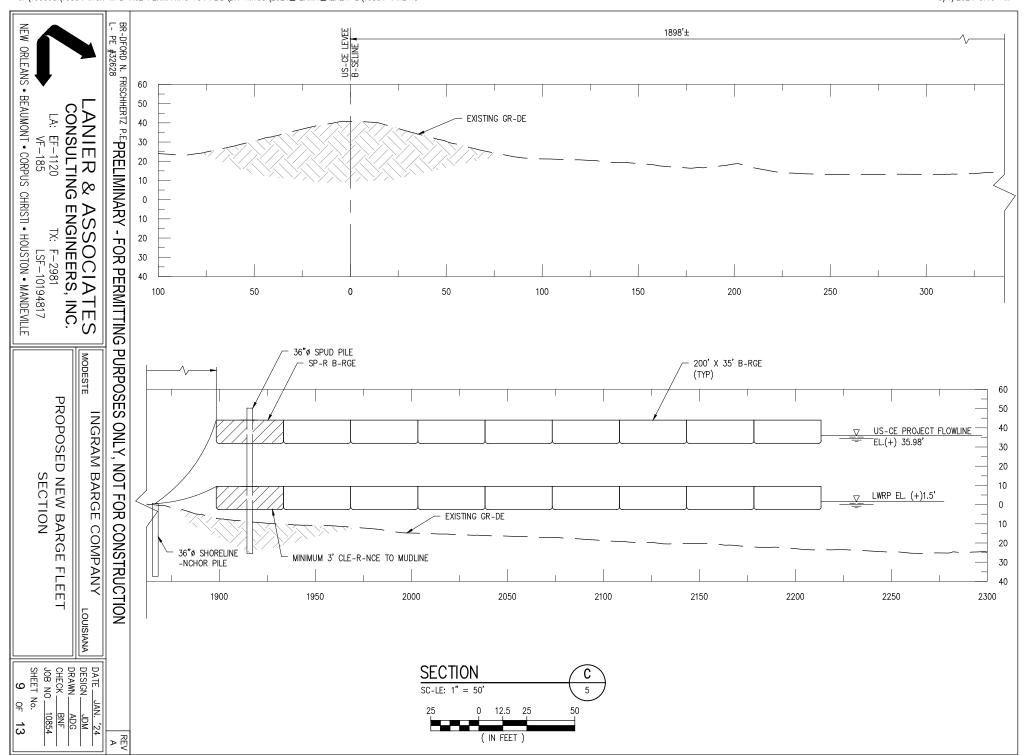
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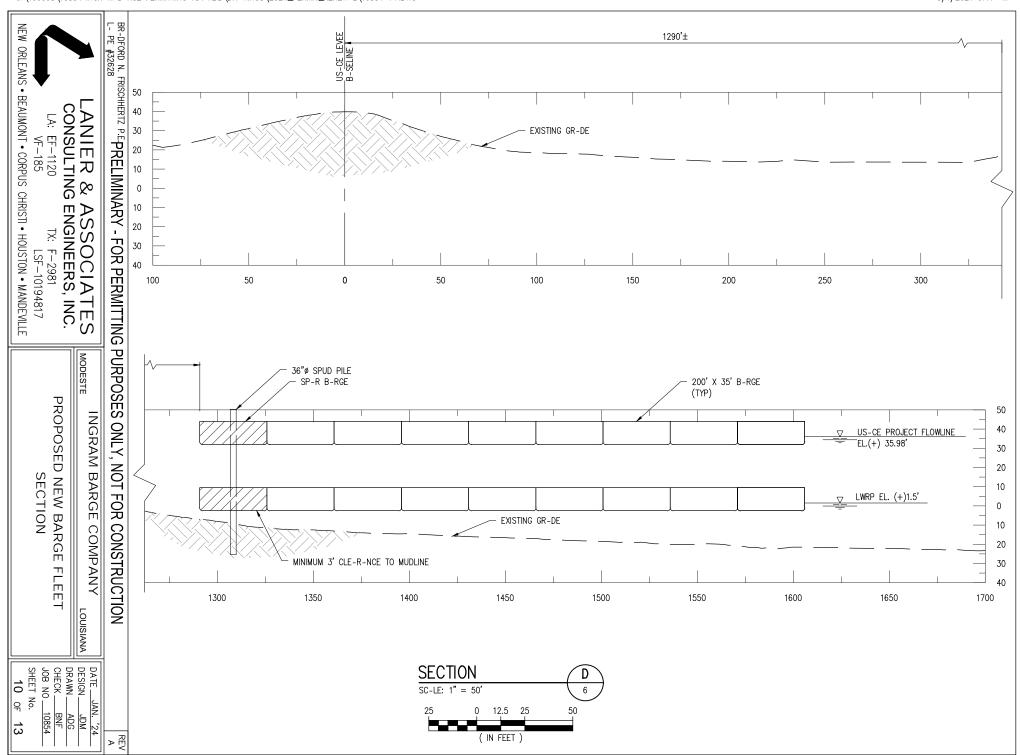


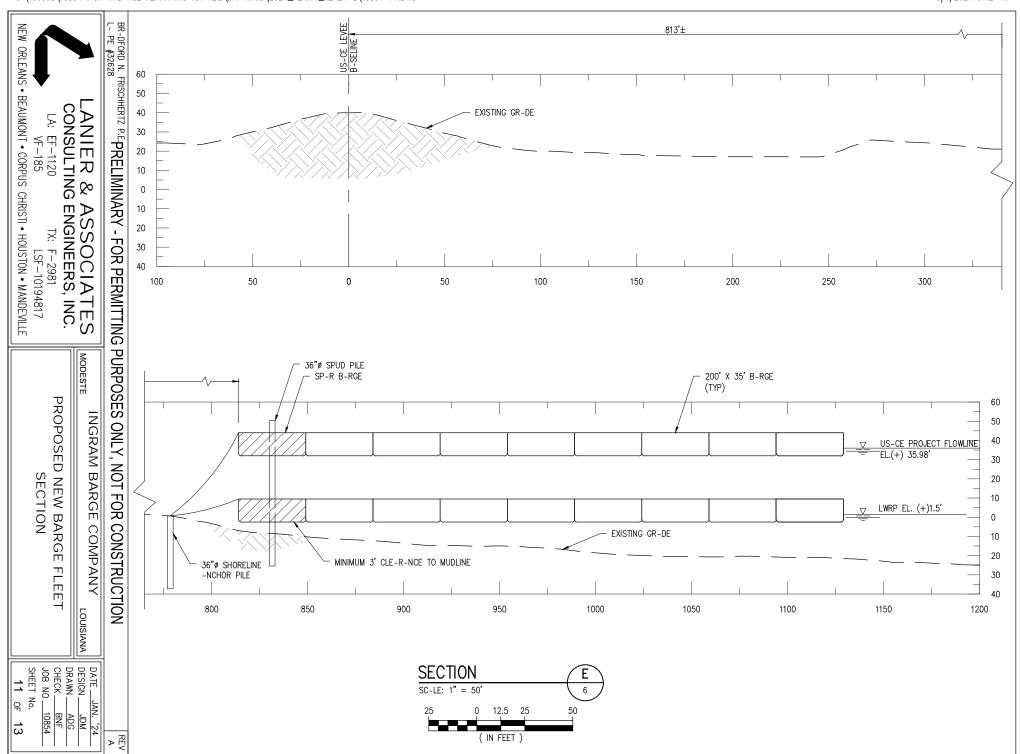
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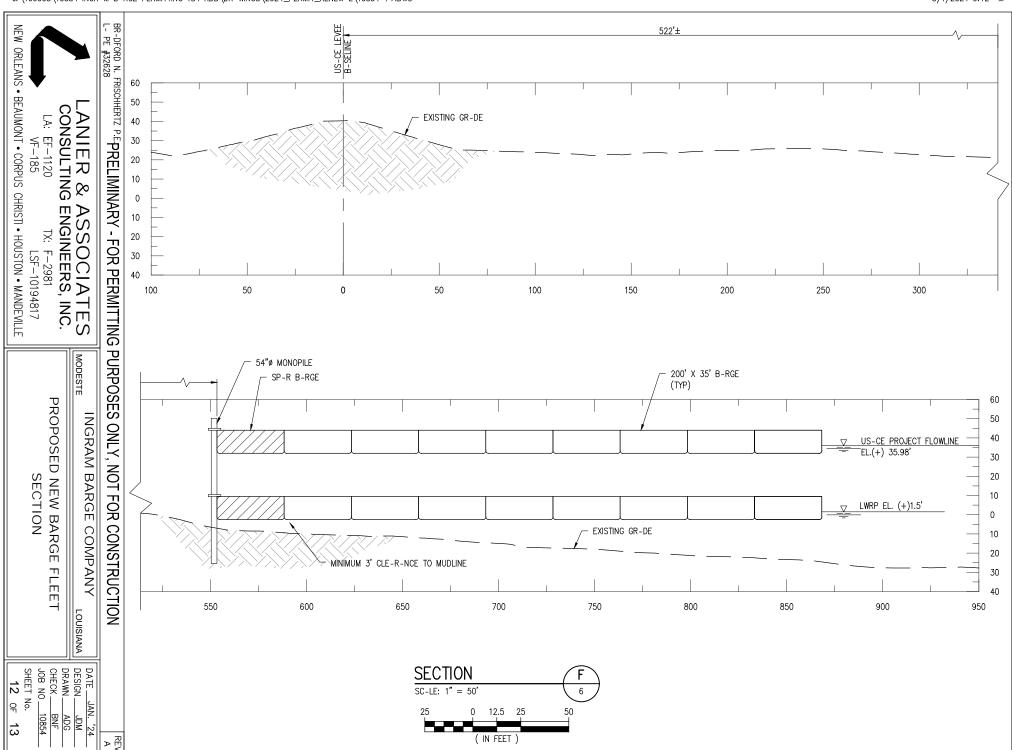


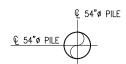






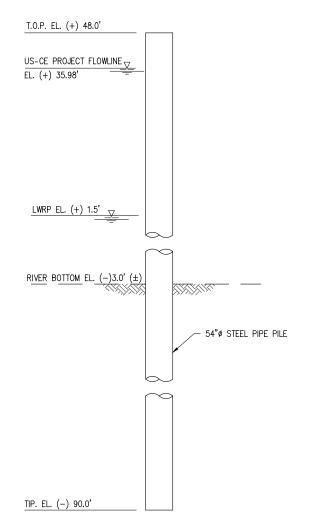




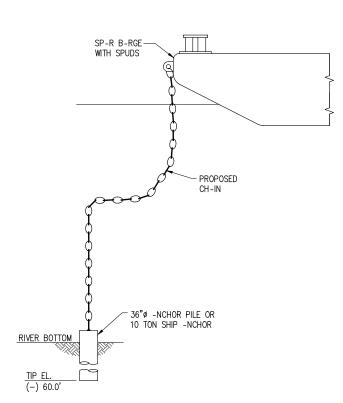


PROPOSED BARGE MONOPILE PLAN

SC-LE: 1/16" = 1'-0"







PROPOSED SAFETY ANCHOR

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